

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0010] of the Published Application (U.S. Publ. No. 2005/0174829 A1) with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] In the case of the solutions according to the invention, provision may for example be made for the voltage-raising means to be formed by a voltage source that can be operated to float in relation to a reference potential of the circuit by which the value of the control-signal voltage can be raised by a desired amount. It has however proved particularly advantageous if the voltage raising means are implemented in the form of a charge pump that is arranged to raise the voltage value of the control signal by the value of the supply voltage~~features detailed in claim 2 and claim 5 are provided in the respective cases~~. This gives the advantage that, using the supply voltage, a reliable increase can be made in the value of the control-signal voltage in a manner that is as simple and inexpensive as possible to put into practice.

Please replace paragraph [0011] of the Published Application (U.S. Publ. No. 2005/0174829 A1) with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In the case of the solutions according to the invention, it has also proved advantageous if the information-voltage generating means have voltage-limiting means that are arranged to limit the raising of the voltage value of the control signal~~features detailed in claims 3 and 6 are provided in the respective cases~~. This gives the advantage that, when the value of the control-signal voltage is raised, the voltage value that arises is only such a one as the information-voltage generating means can use to generate the information voltage without any problems.